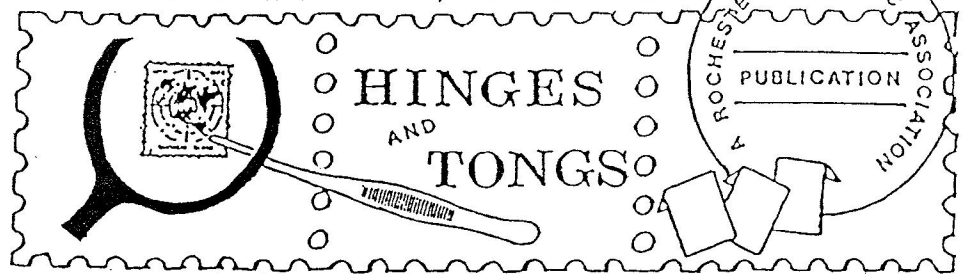




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PROPOSAL

A proposal to amend the RPA's Constitution has been made in the matter of the Board being able to meet club obligations without having to go to the general membership each and every time a bill is submitted for payment in excess of \$300.00. The present bylaw reads as follows:

ARTICLE V: Officers & Duties

Section 6. No debts or obligations shall be incurred or contracted by the Board of Governors in excess of the monies then in the treasury of the RPA, nor may the Board of Governors authorize the Treasurer to make disbursements from the funds of the RPA in excess of \$300 for any one specific item without a vote by the Membership at a Business Meeting.

The RPA has seen many increases over the past year: the cost of insurance, the need for more insurance for the new show frames, the need for rental storage for the new frames and a large increase in the rent we must pay to the church for our meetings. Any one of these items would far exceed the \$300.00 limit set in Article V: Section 6.

The RPA Board of Governors consist of the yearly elected RPA Officers, three elected Governors-at-large and the immediate past RPA President. This makes a total of 9 members to the board. It has been suggested that all these people are elected officials and should have the full support of the general membership to make decisions that will benefit the club.

As such, the following has been proposed:

No debts or obligations shall be incurred or contracted by the Board of Governors in excess of the monies then in the treasury of the RPA. The Board of Governors can request disbursements of RPA funds by the Treasurer after a simple majority vote by the Board. If a majority cannot be reached then the general membership can be requested to vote on said decision

Please give this proposal your attention and be prepared to cast your vote for or against at the annual business meeting. The proposal will be part of the ballots mailed out in early June.

Shows should dump the PEX

Stamp collectors attract new blood to the hobby with a variety of outreach programs. If the pipelines that acquire the flow of new hobbyists become clogged, then the health

places, offering exhibits, commercial dealers and free admission, we can give potential stamp collectors a wonderful overview of what philately can offer.

We all know that stamp shows can be a lot of fun. Few active collectors pass up the chance to visit an event when it's held near their homes. Stamp shows are the town meeting for collectors, and most of us consider them important.

With all this in mind, isn't it equally important that we do what we can to get a variety of visitors to come to our shows?

Publicity helps, but it's just as crucial that the event is immediately recognizable for what it is.

If a particularly receptive, potential stamp collector sees a sign that says, "Localpex... Free Admission..." This coming weekend," is he likely to consider attending?

I don't think so. The suffix

"pex" doesn't mean much to the average person. Yet this open, friendly hobby insists on naming its stamp shows using this silly, outdated, cryptic acronym.

Today, this suffix is nothing more than a way of telling the public that our shows are inside affairs. Only those of us who have been involved in stamp collecting have finally figured out that "pex" means philatelic exhibition. In a similar vein, the term philately is not all that recognizable to most people.

Each year, more new stamp shows are started and are given the time-honored secret suffix. We've even taken to adding a bit of humor to these show names. Some of my favorites are Anypex, Buspex, Hubpex, Staugpex, Panpex, Kazoopex, Manpex and Uwumpex.

Of course, while we're thinking up these new names, the general public's probably thinking that Florex is an

orange blossom festival, Pিপex is a smoker's convention, the Plymouth Show is Lee Iacocca's new car unveiling and Midaphil is an auto muffler expo. By the way, I named Midaphil myself in 1971. So, I'll take the blame for that one.

It's time to change all this mishmash and polish up our public image. Stamp collecting is at a crossroad.

Every show committee should take a close look at the well-named shows and what a smashing success they are. For example, World Stamp Expo, Stampshow, the Omaha Stamp Show, the Idaho Stamp Fair and England's Stampex and Stamp World 90.

All these recently named events geared the name to bring people through the gates in droves.

America's stamp clubs need to accept the inevitable change and give their shows names that actually have meaning. Will your club be the first? ■

America's Stamp Clubs

By Randy Neil

of stamp collecting can be jeopardized.

As I've said many times before, America's stamp clubs are on the front lines when it comes to introducing the public to the world of stamps.

Clubs perform this service in numerous ways, from helping youth in the Benjamin Franklin Stamp Clubs program to providing stamps and supplies to shut-ins and hospitalized veterans. However, one of the most vital open doorways to the hobby is the stamp show.

By holding these often widely publicized events in public

RPA Members! What's your opinion?

For The Guys

Joe & Rick & Jim & Brad
What a fine committee we had

Covers, cachets, frames so new
We couldn't have done it with out you

Bob & Stan & Chuck & John
Our list of thanks goes on and on

Larry, Kelly, Dave & Andy
Sure made our ROPEX come out dandy

Women's work may n'er be done
But guys like you sure make it fun

signed-Ada, Elle, Dusty, Dottie
and Maureen

Dear U.S. Answer Stamp,

On a letter that I got there was a sticker with the letter "D" on it. What does it mean?

Cindy Merriman
Oakwood, Ohio

D

Dear Cindy,

This and similar stickers are put on the top envelope of a bundle to help mail handlers move the bundle on to its destination rapidly. The most often seen stickers are:

- C = All items go to the same city (yellow)
- D = All items have the same 5 digit ZIP code (red).
- F = All items go to the same firm/organization (blue).
- MS = The bundle includes mixed states mail (tan).
- S = All items go to the same State (orange).
- U = All items have illegible or no ZIP code (black).
- 3 = All items have the same first three ZIP code digits (green).

FRAME COMMITTEE

The Board has approved keeping the Frame Committee active. Active on the committee will be Joe Doles and Rick Kase. The main function of the committee will be to raise money to support the new frames by making and selling first day covers and related items. The new frames require insurance and storage fees that our old units didn't. Most of these fees will be met by money made during ROPEX shows but any money raised by this committee will mean that much less will have to come from the club treasury.

Anyone interested working on club covers, art work or any stage of production please contact Rick or Joe. We are starting to have a following by cover collectors and this will continue to be a good source of income for the RPA.

NOMINATIONS

It's that time of year again. Would any one care to run for an officers seat on the RPA board? Maybe you know someone who needs a little nudge to come forward. All officer positions and one board of governors seat is open for nominations. The seats are and the nominees so far are:

President.....
Vice-President.....
Tresurer.....James Trenton
Recording Secretary
.....Elle Phelps
Corresponding Secretary
.....Joseph Doles
Board of Governor (3 year term)
.....Larry Moriarty
.....Richard Kase

The two remaining Governors seats are filled by Kelly Armstrong (til 1991) and Dusty Miller (til 1992)

Don't let the fact that we already have candidates for some seats deter you from running. You may have just what the club needs to move into the 90's. The life-blood of the club is new, good, fresh ideas.

FUTURE MEETINGS

MAY 10

PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

MAY 11

ANNUAL BANQUET & AUCTION
WISHING WELL RESTAURANT
BRING 5 AUCTION LOTS

MAY 22

JUNE 14

JUNE 28

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

AUDITING COMMITTEE

The RPA Constitution states:
Article V: Section 5.

The Board of Governors shall appoint an Auditing Committee which will report their finding to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting. The Auditing Committee of three (3) members, made up of RPA members, excluding elected Officials and Governors-at-large, will examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer at the RPA meeting prior to the Annual Business Meeting in June.

At the next RPA meetings Treasurer Trenton will have his "books" with him and President Kellas will ask for volunteers to be part of the Auditing Committee. Please offer to help.

ROPEX-90 A SUCCESS

This was a banner year for our annual ROPEX show. Record number of exhibits and dealers. 250 of the best looking show frames in the hobby and a record number of out of town exhibitors at the show to share in three days of excitement and merriment. Twenty-seven exhibitors left Rochester knowing they had spent a weekend with Philatelys' Friendliest Club.

If you didn't make ROPEX-90 maybe next year ROPEX-91 will be part of your stamp collecting program. Save the dates April 5, 6, 7, 1991.

ANNUAL BANQUET

Most all of you have received an invitation to the RPA Annual Banquet. If not, this is your last chance to reserve your ticket. Just call Joe Doles at 621-3012 after 4pm no later than May 6, 1990.

The Menu

Prime London Broil.....\$13.00
Roast Tom Turkey.....12.00
Broiled Fillet of Sole....12.00

The Place

The Wishing Well Restaurant
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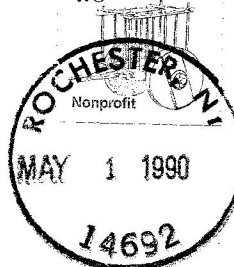
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